is likely to be started; if not what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir, at Laboratory scale.

(b) The transfer of knowhow has been made by Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP) to M/s. Associated Cement Company (ACC) Bombay for upscaling and commercialisation of the catalyst. The development work for scale up was completed. A catalyst sample has ben prepared by M/s. ACC in 10 Kg. batch. It has met the minimum datum performance.

(c) Commercial trials on the catalyst are awaited so as to take up production. The matter is being pursued with M/s. ACC. Possible collaboration with other agencies for early commercial manufacture of the catalyst is under consideration.

Strength of fleet in the Indian Airlines and Air India

932. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of fleet in the Indian Airlines and Air-India; and

(b) what steps have been taken on the demand for more passenger seats, cargo capacity in all the routes.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The present strength of fleet in the Indian Airlines and Air India is as under:

Indian Airlines

Aircraft	Number
A 300-200	10
Boeing-737	25
*HS-748	11
**F-27	8
Air India Total	54

Aircraft	Number
Boeing 747-200	9
Air bus A 300-B4	3
Boeing B 707-328	5
TOTAL	17

(b) Air India has placed an order on M/s. Airbus Industries for the purchase of six A310-300 Airbus aircraft which are due for delivery in 1986-87. In addition, for freighter operations, Air-India has taken on lease one DC8-63F, one DC8-73F and one IL-76 aircraft.

A final decision regarding the acquisition of additional aircrafft by Indian Airlines is yet to be taken.

Selective development of domestic tourism

933. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to favour selective development of a few identified centres instead of travel circuit programme on the domestic tourism; and

(b) whether Government have any decision with the State Governments in this regard as the decision of Government is likely to affect seriously the development of other Centres?

*Includes capacity leased to Vayudoot.

**Including two F-27 with Coast Guard and the Capacity leased to Vayudoot.